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REPORTED ALLIANCE TO CAPTURE OFFICE

Rumor That Labor Unions and Liquor-Dealers Will Unite Stir City Politicians.

STORY DENIED BY OFFICERS

Judge Richardson Announces Candidacy, and Mayor Is in Fight to Finish.

Rumors of a political alliance between the liquor-dealers of the city and the labor unions with a view to putting a full municipal ticket in the field this spring spread like wildfire yesterday and caused an almost total suspension of business in City Hall circles while the new proposition was being considered.

The report gained currency just after the formal announcement of the candidacy of Judge David C. Richardson for the position of mayor, which had been forecast for several days. It was declared that two such vigorous and active men as Judge Richardson and the present Mayor, Captain Carlton McCarthy, in the race, the vote of the professional and business interests will be necessarily split, the situation offering a fine opportunity for the candidacy of a man who can rally to him both the labor unions and the liquor element. Just who the dark horse is to be could not be learned, as those who are discussing the matter are not yet ready to come down with a flat announcement. Certainly the report has a considerable amount of credence.

Qualified to Vote. The whiskey following is known to have registered largely before the time limit, so that it is now an open question whether under the qualified electorate Richmond would go wet or dry in a local option fight. When there is no election, the recent activity of the labor unions, and the announcement of several of their prominent members for the Common Council and the Board of Aldermen.

The fact that the Central Trades and Labor Council supports the Dabney ordinance indicated that there is at least on that point a broad bond of sympathy between the two elements, and a deal between them is by no means impossible. Their united strength would make a formidable backing for any candidate.

Both Mayor McCarthy and Judge Richardson indicated yesterday that they were in the fight to the finish, and both will make an active canvass of the city between now and the election in the month of March. It is probable that each will in a short time issue a platform showing his views on certain local questions involved in the contest, especially as to liquor legislation.

Although the report as to a "labor-liquor" candidate seems to have considerable form and substance, denials were promptly forthcoming, an officer of the Liquor-Dealers' Association stating positively that the organization was not in the market, and would have no candidates for any office. A prominent worker in local labor organizations said that he did not know of any proposition for a majority ticket, or of any combination of the labor men with the liquor-dealers, but admitted that a number of labor union men would offer as candidates for the Council in several wards.

Campaign Is On. The campaign in city politics is now on in every department, and indications are that the fight will be warm. Councilman John J. Lemoh, of Jefferson Ward, denies a report that he has decided not to stand for reelection. He says that he will certainly ask for the support of his friends, and will make a strong bid for reelection.

Mr. John Hirschberg, an officer in the Retail Clerks' Union, will make the race for the Common Council in the same ward, on a distinctly labor ticket. According to well informed politicians, the labor people will also certainly have a ticket in Marshall and Clay wards.

CAPTAIN GRUBBS BACK

Widely Known Richmond Man Returns to City to Live.

Captain John L. Grubbs, for many years assistant postmaster of Richmond, has returned to the city and has accepted the position of secretary and assistant treasurer of the Franklin Laundry Company, No. 63 West Cary Street. He served for some time as secretary to the director-general of the Jamestown Exposition.

Captain Grubbs has hundreds of friends who will be glad to hear of his return to the city.

Transferred to Richmond.

Mr. Eugene J. Belmont, for eight years connected with the Newport News custom house, has been transferred to Richmond and has already entered into the discharge of his duties here. A continued increase in the imports of the Richmond office made necessary an enlargement in the local force, which now numbers five men.

GREAT NEW CHURCH IN FAR WEST END

Episcopal Congregation to Erect One of Handsomest Houses of Worship in City.

WILL COST ABOUT \$70,000

Work to Be Started at Once, and to Be Pushed Rapidly to Completion.

At a cost of between \$60,000 and \$70,000 a handsome new house of worship is to be erected on the present site of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, in the far West End.

Construction will be started immediately, and when completed the building will be one of the handsomest of its kind in the city. The interior furnishings will be of heavy oak, and the latest model of pipe organ will be installed.

Ranked Large Sum. The work of raising the funds necessary to erect the new church was done entirely by the congregation and its rector, the Rev. John H. Dickinson. The present edifice, located on Grove Avenue, was found to be insufficient for the needs of a growing congregation, and when it was first proposed to tear down the old building and erect another on the same site, the minister and members of the congregation did not hope to raise so large an amount. Their effort, however, were fruitful beyond their expectations.

OFFERED TO STATE

Executive Committee Would Donate Mineral and Timber Exhibit.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Virginia Mineral and Timber Exhibition Association was held in Governor Swanson's office yesterday, and a lengthy report was submitted by Secretary Bruce C. Banks, who had charge of the exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition.

Those present were Governor Claude A. Swanson, president, Messrs. M. V. Richards, F. H. LaBaume, W. V. Baker, John L. Roper, E. C. Means, John W. Eckman, R. W. Withers, C. E. Doyle and B. C. Banks, secretary. Following is an interesting part of the report of Messrs. Baker and Richards as to the disposition of the exhibit:

"Our committee further reports that your association has a valuable collection of mineral and timber specimens, gathered from various sections of the State, that the collection should be preserved and made part of a permanent exhibit to be installed and displayed at the State Capitol."

"Believing in the possibilities of further development of the minerals and forests resources of the State, your committee respectfully recommends that the exhibit material now in your possession be tendered to the State of Virginia, with the recommendation that it be made a permanent exhibit; that the mineral and timber lands owned by the State be made available for the use of the exhibit, from time to time, of mineral specimens, in order to make the exhibit as representative of the great natural resources of the State as possible."

POULTRY SHOW ENDS

No Doubt Now That Exhibition Has Been a Great Success.

From the viewpoint of the spectator last night's exhibition, which concluded the Virginia Poultry Show in the old Blue Theatre, was the most brilliant since the opening. Each of the great variety of thoroughbred fowls was looking its best, having been here just long enough to become well conditioned. The many colored ribbons which stream from almost every coop added to the beauty of the scene, and the triumphant cries of the winners as well as the lower keep up a merry din.

Each day the crowd has been increasing, and there is now no doubt that the show has been a financial success. The public of Richmond has not had much experience with exhibitions of this kind, and to be educated gradually to its merits. However, those who were present at the show were made possible are well pleased with the result, and are confident of a great attendance next year.

Interest in the feathered aristocrats is evidenced by several sales which have been made by prominent exhibitors. Some of the prize pairs have brought as high as \$35 and \$40, prices which to the layman seem fabulous.

Under Arrest.

Harland French was locked up at the First Police Station last night on a warrant charging him with distributing obscene literature on the streets of Richmond, in direct violation of a specified statute of the Code of Virginia.



W. L. DOUGLAS \$3.50 SHOES FOR MEN

W. L. Douglas makes and sells more men's \$3.50 shoes than any other manufacturer.

If I could take you into my large factory at Brockton, Mass., and show you how carefully W. L. Douglas shoes are made, you would then understand why they hold their shape, fit better, wear longer and are of greater value than any other \$3.50 shoes.

W. L. DOUGLAS \$4 GILT EDGE LINE CANNOT BE EQUALLED AT ANY PRICE.

W. L. Douglas Boys' Shoes \$1.75 & \$2.25.

CAUTION: W. L. Douglas name and price is stamped on the bottom of every shoe.

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LOWER COURT REVERSED IN SUIT OF COAL MEN AGAINST RAILROAD

Decision Rendered by Judge Pritchard Most Important in Many Years.

THE EFFECT ON OPERATORS

Interpretation of Interstate Commerce Act Involved—History of Famous Case.

In the United States Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday, Judge Jeter C. Pritchard handed down the most important opinion of record in years affecting the distribution of freight cars to shippers and the rights of the latter to appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and reversing the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Maryland.

The suit is an outgrowth of the famous Pittman case, in which independent coal operators of West Virginia brought charges against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, alleging discrimination in distribution of freight cars. In the present decision the court holds that the institution of proceedings in the United States courts does not exclude any other remedy provided by the Interstate Commerce Act. The case is therefore remanded, and the lower court is directed to dismiss the bill. The original case was tried before Judge Morris in the United States District Court last spring.

Charges Made. In their bill the independent made the general accusation that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company discriminated in the distribution of its coal cars against them and in favor of the Baltimore and Ohio Coal Company, the latter being the parent of the combine, and which came under the control of the Baltimore and Ohio many years ago. This alleged discrimination was held to be productive of immense profit to the combine and inflicted great loss on the independent. The court was asked to direct that the railroad company cease to discriminate in favor of the Consolidation Coal Company; to require that all cars owned by coal companies, commonly known as private or individual cars, be included in the equipment of the railroad, and cease upon the line of the Baltimore and Ohio to be loaded with coal for use in the engines of the owners.

After a trial lasting several weeks, in which the brightest legal minds of the East were pitted, Judge Morris decided that the railroad company did discriminate against the private or individual cars on the percentage plan; that while the owners of such cars were entitled to their use, they must be charged against the allotment of the mines receiving them. The case was then carried to the United States Court of Appeals, the Baltimore and Ohio being required to file an appeal bond for \$50,000.

The problem is one of the most important that has been brought before any tribunal for adjudication involving the mining and marketing of bituminous coal. Upon the final decision, say the independents, depends the welfare of the coal operators, not only of West Virginia, but of Maryland and every other State where bituminous coal is mined.

Judge Pritchard's Decision. Judge Pritchard handed down a very able and exhaustive opinion, in which it is held that the remedy by a mandamus afforded by section 23 of the Interstate Commerce act is cumulative, and that it does not exclude any other remedy provided by the Interstate Commerce Act.

The case is entitled the Merchants' Coal Company, Plaintiff, vs. Fairmont Coal Company, and others, appellees, and is from the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Maryland.

An ancillary bill was filed in this case in the Circuit Court of Maryland in the case of the Pittman Coal Company vs. Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and others, a mandamus proceedings, in which ancillary bill it was sought to enjoin the Merchants' Coal Company and other appellants on the Connellsville division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from instituting proceedings before the Interstate Commerce Commission under section 23 of the Interstate Commerce act. This section relates to the equal distribution of car service among the coal operators similarly situated.

It was contended by the appellees that the questions sought to be litigated before the Interstate Commerce Commission had already been determined in the mandamus proceedings in the Circuit Court, and that they were similar to those sought to be raised before the Interstate Commerce Commission; and further the appellants similarly situated were present and assisted the plaintiffs in the trial of the mandamus proceedings, and that they were therefore bound by the judgment rendered in that case.

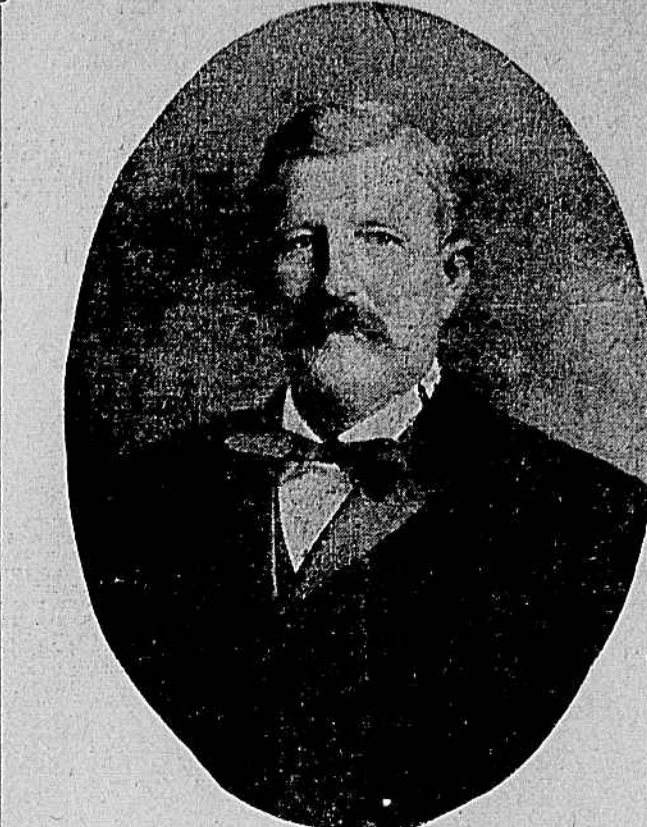
Remedy Is Cumulative. The court also held that the remedy by mandamus afforded by section 23 of the Interstate Commerce act is cumulative; that it does not exclude any other remedy provided by the Interstate Commerce act; and that while the appellants may avail themselves of the remedy provided in section 23, they may also proceed under section 23, and invoke the remedy provided therein.

The court also held that the proceeding before the Interstate Commerce Commission involved two questions that were not sought to be litigated in the mandamus proceedings, and that it was alleged in the proceeding before the Interstate Commerce Commission that there was inadequate supply of car service and also that there was an unequal distribution of car service as between the appellants on the Connellsville division, and the Monongah division.

PICTURE TALK

Cameron Johnson to Lecture at Church of Covenant.

Under the auspices of the children of the Church of the Covenant, Mr. Cameron Johnson will give a picture talk in the chapel of that church to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Johnson has more than ten years, and spent fifteen years in residence and travel in the far East. His pictures have been painted in his personal supervision, and are supplemented by the work of specialists in Europe and America. The artistic value of the pictures is enhanced by the use of the best apparatus.



E. C. DUNCAN, of Raleigh, Third Receiver for Seaboard Air Line. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 15.—E. C. Duncan, recently appointed a third receiver of the Seaboard Air Line by Judge Pritchard, of the United States Circuit Court, arrived in Washington to-day. He will go to the Treasury Department in the morning and tender his resignation as revenue collector, in order that he may give his entire time to his new position. It is understood there will be a "struggle" to the resignation by which Duncan may pull it back when he retires from the receivership. In the days when Judge Pritchard was in active politics in North Carolina Duncan was his right-hand man.

DR. POWELL HURRIES TO BEDSIDE OF SON IN STATE LIBRARY

Student at Randolph-Macon College Said to Be Suffering With Smallpox.

Dr. R. S. Powell, of Brunswick, member of the House of Delegates, was greatly exercised yesterday over information received from Ashland to the effect that his son, Prince Powell, a young student at Randolph-Macon College, is suffering from an attack of smallpox. Dr. Powell hurried with his son, and before leaving expressed the belief that the latter was very likely suffering from some slight skin trouble and not smallpox. He said he knew his son had been exposed to measles a few days ago.

MISSIONARY RALLY

Prominent Speakers at Big Meeting Here To-Day.

A foreign missionary rally will be held in Marshall Street Christian Church to-day from 10 A. M. to 12 M., and 2 P. M. to 4 P. M. The rally is under the auspices of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. Secretary Stephen J. Corey will be present. Several of the most prominent missionaries in the empire, a large number of preachers and church members from the surrounding country will be present. Several of the preachers will speak. No appeal will be made for money. Dinner will be served at a restaurant. The evening of the conference of those who wish to spend the hour of intermission studying the missionary exhibit.

The Program. The session during the day will be conducted by Mr. Corey, who will speak on difference phases of the work. Mr. Hagin will speak of the great progress of Christianity in Japan. He will be heard at each session. Mr. Simpson will speak on "Save the Church by Saving the World." There will also be brief addresses by the following preachers: "A Little Sermon on Calm," H. W. Sablett, Richmond, Va.; "Missionary Knowledge," T. A. McKim, Richmond, Va.; "The Christian's Responsibility," S. G. Sutton, Germantown, Va.; "The Work on the Foreign Field for Last Year," D. M. Austin, Richmond, Va.; "A Little Sermon on Calm," W. L. Burner, Forest Grove, Va.

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SUSPECTED OF FORGERY

Young White Man, Registered at Murphy's, Is Arrested.

D. R. Still, a young white man, who has been stopping at Murphy's Hotel for some weeks, and who registered as from Knoxville, Tenn., was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Sergeant McMahon and taken to the Second Police Station, where he was locked up. He is suspected of forgery. A complaint made by a Broad Street Bank to the detective headquarters led to an investigation, and it was stated last night that a check given to Murphy's Hotel in payment for board was returned by the bank. Detective McMahon said that he would have his case ready for the Police Court this morning.

Trying to Save Midgitts.

Messrs. Smith and Brumback of Alexandria, attorneys for George Midgitts, the negro sentenced to be hanged in that city on Friday for murder, called on Governor Swanson yesterday to ask that the condemned man's sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. They had a long talk with the Governor, and he promised to make the matter under immediate consideration.

Ohio Fugitive Held.

The case of George Pfaff, who was arrested Tuesday afternoon by Detective-Sergeant Wren and Bailey at the request of E. D. Pollett, prosecuting attorney for Marion County, was called in the Police Court yesterday. It is said that Pfaff is wanted in Ohio for a felony. He will fight extradition.

Mission House Afire.

A frame building on North Seventeenth Street, occupied as a school mission and Sunday school, was somewhat damaged by fire last night about 7:30 o'clock. The adjoining house was also slightly damaged.

Mr. George Nolting, traveling freight agent of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, was out yesterday after an illness of ten days of typhoid fever, which he contracted in North Carolina.

CITIZENS MAKE LOUD COMPLAINT

Alleged Excessive Charges for Sewer Connections Within Old City Limits.

BOLLING NEW ENGINEER

Report Directing Dismissal of Ruskell Adopted—Widening of Cedar Street.

The report of the subcommittee appointed to investigate irregularities in the charges for sewer connections in the annexed territory was unanimously approved by the Street Committee of the Council last night, the recommendations calling for remeasurement and rebilling in all cases, and for the dismissal of Inspector Ruskell from the employ of the city.

Mr. Charles E. Bolling, who qualified as City Engineer yesterday morning before City Clerk August, was introduced to the committee, the clerk announcing that his bond had been properly filed.

Many Complaints. A large number of complaints were made by citizens as to alleged excessive charges for sewer connections within the old corporation limits, where the work is done by day labor, the city charging only for the time of the men and the amount of pipe used. In some instances connections had cost \$9, and \$25 or \$30 on the adjoining property. The City Engineer was asked to report on these complaints.

Mr. Lynch moved that an ordinance be prepared providing that hereafter all bills from the city for sewer connections, sidewalks, etc., be fully itemized, to show the amount of dirt removed, the materials furnished, etc.

The much discussed alley between Clay and Leigh, west of First, was again in trouble, and the City Engineer was directed to lay a sewer, with two through this alley, before repaving it.

Messrs. Lynch, Watkins and Gilmour were appointed to prepare an ordinance governing the tearing up of streets, the replacing of paving, and the doing of such work at night on certain crowded thoroughfares.

To Widen Cedar Street.

The committee recommended an ordinance directing the City Attorney to ascertain the cost of widening Cedar Street to ninety-two feet from Grace to Park Avenue to allow proper approaches to the Davis Monument. It was estimated that some, if not all, the property owners would donate the land.

CHAMBER TO MEET

Important Matters to Be Considered at Session To-Night.

An adjourned annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held this evening in the assembly hall. The officers whose names were agreed upon at the caucus on Tuesday—Mr. R. A. Dunlop, secretary, and Mr. W. T. Dabner, business manager—will be elected at this meeting. A number of important amendments to the constitution, relating to the membership fees and to the future work of the chamber are also to be considered.

BIBLE CONFERENCES

Ladies Much Interested in Work of Miss Taylor.

The Bible conferences for women conducted by Miss A. M. Taylor in the parlors of the Second Baptist Church each afternoon at 4 o'clock continue to attract large gatherings daily, and the interest in the subjects presented is profound. Miss Taylor shows a cultured mind and a charming personality. She presents her subject in a most striking manner, and commands the attention of the audience.

License to Wed.

Marriage licenses were issued in the clerk's office of the Hustings Court yesterday to Pittsburgh Stanley Jones and Cora L. Miller, and John T. Rowe and Annie E. Pearce.

A Health Visitor

comes into thousands of homes every morning, bringing rosy health, steady nerves and a clear brain—

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This wholesome breakfast drink has all the good qualities of a morning beverage—warmth, aroma, sustaining power—minus the caffeine and tannin of coffee and tea.

10 days' trial will convince you

"There's a Reason"